

Durham's NNO Awards History



The City of Durham debuted on the National Night Out (NNO) awards scene in 2006 and each year following has consistently ranked among the nation's top 20 participating communities of similar size. The NNO awards program honors registered cities, military bases, and various communities on participation and success of their National Night Out (NNO) efforts.

In 2014, the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) ranked Durham #11 among similar-sized NNO cities across the United States. Durham competes in Category 2 which evaluates cities with a population of 100,000 to 299,000. According to NATW, in 2014 there were 135 cities in Category 2 competing for national rankings. Cities were evaluated on overall NNO campaign, neighborhood participation, law enforcement involvement, media and promotional campaign, and special events.

In 2014, the department registered 129 NNO event sites representing approximately 145 Durham communities. Among them were 18 first time NNO communities and 28 first-time NNO neighborhood coordinators. Key law enforcement and public safety involvement included the Durham County Sheriff's Department; Duke University Police Department; North Carolina Central University Police Department; the Durham Fire Department, Durham CrimeStoppers and Partners Against Crime.

Two Durham NNO Neighborhoods Cited Nationally

In 2014 Durham's **Azalea Park** and **University Estates** communities were among 20 neighborhoods nationwide that received NNO honors in Category 10: Neighborhood/ Community. There were 70 entries in all. Both Durham communities are veteran NNO award recipients having earned the distinction multiple times.

"Our University Estates Community observes NNO each year because it re-focuses our intention and commitment to reduce crime in our neighborhood and throughout the city," says coordinator Jeff Kanter. "It brings neighbors together in renewed solidarity, and unites us in our crime prevention efforts with local law enforcement. We compete for the award not just to win, but to achieve a level of recognition for our efforts that will empower other communities in their neighborhood watch programs."

Azalea Park Apartment Manager Donna Brustad, says "Observing NNO each year brings the Azalea Park Apartment community closer together plus strengthens awareness of community watch and partnerships with city officials."

